

Minutes of Meeting  
of  
Calhoun County Council

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr., Vice Chairman James E. Haigler, Councilmembers Cecil M. Thornton, Jr., John Nelson and Councilperson Helen Carson; also Administrator Lee Prickett, Jr. and Clerk Donna Allread.

The following Press was notified of the meeting by mail or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of information: The Calhoun Times and The Times and Democrat.

Chairman Summers opened the hearing on Ordinance 1-2011 An Ordinance To Re-Appportion The Election Districts In Calhoun County, South Carolina From Which Members of Calhoun County Council Are Elected In Accordance With The United States Census of 2010. Major James Robinson, President of the NAACP, reported they do not have a problem with Plan one (1). Council had no other questions or concerns and Chairman Summers closed the hearing.

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation was offered by Chaplain Helen Carson.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 22, 2011 and the special meeting of August 29, 2011 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Haigler and seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Jane Dyches, representing the Development Board, presented four names from the private sector for the Lower Savannah Workforce Development Board. Three people out of the four need to be appointed to the board. Motion was made by Chairman Summers and seconded by Mr. Thornton to appoint Donna Elmore and Amanda Avildsen to the board. The motion passed unanimously. Motion was then made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Haigler to appoint Chad Lowder. The motion passed. Council believes these citizens will attend the meetings and represent the County.

Administrator Prickett reported to council that a meeting was held this morning with interested parties in reference to Eastman Park. Tri-County, Southeast Frozen Foods and others have a strong interest. Council believes the county should make a decision and try something on a one year basis. Motion was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Thornton authorizing Adm. Prickett to obtain bids for the price of maintenance of the park. If the council can determine the expense, it will be easier to make a decision by the end of October. The motion passed.

A resolution was presented that will help the county collect delinquent taxes for mobile homes, boats and motors under the Setoff Debt Collection Program. At present the county collects EMS bill using this system. Administrator Prickett said the procedure is good. After the delinquent tax sale the bills are presented and the charge is approximately \$25.00. Motion was made by Mr. Haigler and seconded by Mr. Thornton to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

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A proposal was presented on bleachers for the Sandy Run Recreation Park with the low bid of \$2,858.00 from Mastercraft Renovations. Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the bid and authorize Administrator Prickett to use the pard money to complete the park. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Haigler to approve the state contract proposal submitted by Carolina Office Systems on a new copier for the tax assessor's office. This contract will be \$200.00 lower than the present one. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Haigler and seconded by Mrs. Carson to approve the resolution declaring September 19-23 National Senior Corps Week in Calhoun Calhoun County. The motion passed unanimously.

Third reading on Ordinance 14-2007 is on hold.

Third reading on Ordinance 11-2010 is on hold.

Second reading on Ordinance 23-2010 is on hold.

Motion was made by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Haigler to have second reading on Ordinance 1-2011 An Ordinance to Provide And Adopt Calhoun County Council Electoral Districts Based Upon The 2010 Census on Plan One (1). The motion passed.

Administrator Prickett provided council with a water leak adjustment policy. Council will study the policy and this will be on the agenda on September 26, 2011.

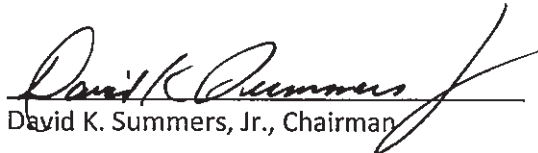
Administrator Prickett also told council that a lot of repairs have been completed on some of the older equipment such as a truck, the Mack roll-off truck and the county Caterpillar.

Motion was made by Mrs. Carson and seconded by Mr. Nelson to go into executive session in reference to a contractual matter with Lake Marion Regional Water Agency and a personnel matter in the water department and the building department. The motion passed.

Council went into executive session.

Council returned to regular session. No action was taken in executive session.

The meeting adjourned.

  
David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

Donna R. Allread  
Donna R. Allread, Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CALHOUN

A RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BEING AUTHORIZED AND DESIGNATED AS THE CLAIMANT AGENT FOR THE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT OF 2003, AS AMENDED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TREASURER OF CALHOUN COUNTY TO USE THE PROCEDURES PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 56, TITLE 12 AS THE INITIAL STEP IN THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES.

**WHEREAS**, the Setoff Debt Collection Act of 2003, as amended, (South Carolina Code Section 12-54-10), allows the South Carolina Department of Revenue to render assistance in the collection of delinquent accounts or debts owing to the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, S. C. Code Ann. Section 12-51-40 (e) authorizes, in the alternative and subject to the prior approval of the county governing body, the County Treasurer to use the procedures provided in approval of the county governing body, the County Treasurer to use the Procedures provided in Chapter 56, Title 12 (The Set Off Debt Collection Act), as the initial step in the collection of delinquent taxes for mobile homes, motorcycles, boats, motor and trailers.

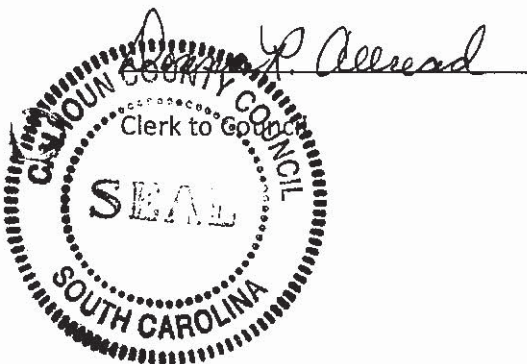
**WHEREAS**, the County Council wishes to increase the collection rate of debts that are due and owing to the County by availing itself of the Setoff Collection Act of 2003, as amended.

**WHEREAS**, County Council has reviewed and approved the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement designating the South Carolina Association of Counties to serve as the claimant agent;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE County Council of Calhoun in Session assembled that the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the County and the South Carolina Association of Counties relating to the Association serving as the claimant agent pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act of 2003, as amended is approved. A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding and agreement is incorporated herein by reference.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011

Attest:



Chairman of County Council



PROCLAMATION  
CALHOUN COUNTY

NATIONAL SENIOR CORPS WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2011

**Whereas**, the Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve; and

**Whereas**, Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of nearly 500,000 Americans age 55 and over to meet a wide range of community challenges through three programs – RSVP, the Senior Companion Program and the Foster Grandparent Program; and

**Whereas**, the Orangeburg-Calhoun-Allendale-Bamberg Community Action Agency, Inc. (OCAB) has operated the Senior Companion Program for 35 years in the Lower Savannah Region of Central South Carolina, including Calhoun County; and

**Whereas**, 15,200 Senior Companions nationwide enable 68,000 frail seniors to remain independent and provide respite to family caregivers; and

**Whereas**, the Corporation for National and Community Service has designated September 19-23, 2011 Senior Corps Week; and

**Whereas**, during this week, Senior Corps volunteers will be recognized for their positive effect in communities across America; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that September 19-23, 2011 be declared National Senior Corps Week in Calhoun County, South Carolina and OCAB Community Action Agency, Inc. is commended for its service to the elderly and disabled; and

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that all residents recognize the impact of Senior Corps volunteers on the quality of life for elderly and disabled Calhoun County residents.

Passed 9/12/2011

  
David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

  
Donna R. Allread, Clerk

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